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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/802,935

Examiner

ANDREW WENDELL

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1/15/2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 23-43.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
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3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Regarding claims 23 and 36, the prior art of record, Maggenti et al. (US 2003/0012149) teaches extending a PTT service provider system to also enable communication with unregistered end user equipment not registered for service with the PTT system, wherein a registered user of the PTT system is allowed to initiate a PTT session with the unregistered end user equipment (Abstract, Sections 0015, 0133, and 0144), the method including querying an external directory service database to discover the existence of unregistered end user equipment using a unique identifier, the querying step comprising a wireless phone 208-210 (Fig. 3), having push-to-talk (PTT) functionality and registered with a PTT server (Sections 0056 and 0066), sending a request for a PTT session to the PTT server (Sections 0203-0343), the request including a unique identifier of a destination network computer, the destination network computer being an unregistered end user equipment, accessible on a public data network, and having PTT functionality; the PTT server receiving the request and sending a query for a PTT address for the destination network computer to a directory service accessible on the public data network and having PTT functionality (Figs. 2 and 3 and Sections 0203-0343); the directory service receiving and resolving the query, based on the unique identifier, to the PTT address and returning the PTT address to the PTT server (Sections 0203-0343); and the PTT server receiving the request and

sending a request for a PTT session to the destination network computer (Sections 0203-0343).

Szurkowski (US 6,417,933) teaches a request including a unique identifier 208 (Fig. 3A) of a destination network computer, accessible on a public data network 163 (Fig. 1).

The prior art of record fails to teach an apparatus comprising a directory service, residing on a computer, accessible on a public data network, and containing a unique identifier and an associated push-to-talk (PTT) address of an unregistered end-user equipment comprising a destination network computer having PTT functionality and accessible on a public data network and not registered for PTT service with any mobile operator's PTT system, wherein the directory service extends a mobile operator's PTT system to enable a registered user of the PTT system to initiate a PTT session with the unregistered end-user equipment, the directory service comprising a database external to the PTT system and including means for receiving a request including a unique identifier from a PTT server of the PTT system, means for resolving the request to identify the unregistered end-user equipment associated with the unique identifier, and means for returning the PTT address to the PTT server.

Further remarks made on 1/15/2009 state reasons for allowance.

The prior art of record fails to teach the claimed subject matter as claimed and substantially connected in claims 23-29 and 36-43.

Regarding claim 30, Maggenti teaches a push-to-talk (PTT) server (Sections 0056 and 0066) of a PTT service provider system for extending the PTT system to also

enable communication with unregistered end user equipment not registered for service with the PTT system, wherein a registered user of the PTT system is allowed to initiate a PTT session with the unregistered end user equipment (Abstract, Sections 0015, 0133, and 0144), the PTT server containing means for querying an external directory service database, accessible on a public data network, with a unique identifier to obtain a PTT address for initiating a PTT session with a destination network computer not registered with a PTT server (Figs. 2 and 3, abstract, Sections 0015, and 0203-0343).

Szurkowski teaches a unique identifier 208 (Fig. 3A) of a destination network computer, accessible on a public data network 163 (Fig. 1).

The prior art of record fails to teach an apparatus comprising a push-to-talk (PTT) server of a mobile operator's PTT system including means for extending the PTT system to enable a registered user of the PTT system to initiate a PTT session with unregistered end-user equipment which is not registered for PTT service with any mobile operator's PTT system, the unregistered end-user equipment comprising a destination network computer having PTT functionality and being accessible on a public data network; the PTT server containing means for querying an external directory service database, accessible on a public data network, with a unique identifier to obtain a PTT address for the unregistered end-user equipment, and means for initiating a PTT session with the unregistered end-user equipment.

Further remarks made on 1/15/2009 state reasons for allowance.

The prior art of record fails to teach the claimed subject matter as claimed and substantially connected in claims 30-35.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Brewer discloses a method and apparatus for providing media communication setup strategy in a communication network. Dorenbosch discloses a method and apparatus for establishing a talk group. Chen discloses a method and apparatus for efficient paging and registration in a wireless communications network. Kim discloses a conferencing method for telephone switch system. Laiho discloses a method and apparatus for defining and updating mobile services based on subscriber groups. Black discloses a communication device for providing multimedia in a group communication network. Laible discloses a method of push-to-talk service. Bernath discloses a system and method for enhanced proxy component. Allen discloses a method for a session initiation protocol push-to-talk terminal to indicate answer operating mode to an internet protocol push-to-talk network server. McDonald discloses a method of registration in a communication system. Hasegawa discloses a control station, a wireless communication system and a wireless communication method. Liu discloses a method for push-to-talk over mobile communication devices.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANDREW WENDELL whose telephone number is (571)272-0557. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-5 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nay Maung can be reached on 571-272-7882. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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